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Re: DOT's draft STIP

Dear Madam/Sir;

I am very distressed to learn you are canceling three (3) new ferries from DOT's 2006 budget and much needed road improvements have been cancelled, delayed, or significantly reduced.

Road improvements in southeast Alaska communities have been cancelled for the most part while three (3) have been delayed. Two (2) others have been reduced.

I believe DOT should be repairing transportation problems with our existing ferry service in southeast and fixing our roads. A budget which proposes to spend billions on "Bridges to Nowhere" and a Juneau road which cannot be completed because of land usage issues, is an unbelievable waste of state money.

Please spend money on critical improvements to our existing transportation network before even considering constructing controversial roads and bridges.

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Senator Bert Stedman  
Senator Jim Elkins  
Representative Peggy Wilson  
Governor Frank Murkowski  
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